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**FOR: METHOD OF MANUFACTURING SEMICONDUCTOR DEVICE AND
METHOD OF MANUFACTURING OPTICAL WAVE GUIDE**

RESPONSE TO ELECTION OF SPECIES REQUIREMENT
DATED December 8, 2003

Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
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Date: December 29, 2003

Sir:

In response to the Requirement for an Election of Species dated **December 8, 2003**, the Applicants provisionally elect, without traverse, the species embodying Species I. Claims 1-3 and 5-40 read on this species. Applicants reserve the right to file divisional applications on the non-elected claims.

Applicants respectfully request an early examination on the elected claims 1-3 and 5-40 and favorable action on the merits. If the Examiner has any questions with this Response, please feel free to call the undersigned at the indicated telephone number.

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The fee for any such extension may be charged to our Deposit Account No. 01-2340.

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charge our Deposit Account No. 01-2340.

Respectfully submitted,

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